

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended in response to the sole outstanding rejection which is made under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2. Applicants greatly appreciate the recognition that the claims are directed to allowable subject matter.

Specifically, "optionally substituted carbonyl" is considered indefinite because a carbonyl group is divalent and thus must contain a substituent. The claim has been modified accordingly.

The other objection relates to the word "including" and to the conjunction "and." This phrase has been reworded as well for clarification.

"Optionally substituted carbonyl" has also been modified in claim 119 which also contains this phrase; "including" has been deleted from this claim as well.

Applicants have attempted to respond to the outstanding rejection so as to remove it. If this alternative wording is not satisfactory, a telephone call to the undersigned would be greatly appreciated. It should be possible to work out acceptable wording over the phone.

It is believed that all pending claims are now in a position for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket No. 391442003700.

Respectfully submitted,

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